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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS BRIEFING FOR TURKEY

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1. BRIEFING OF TURKISH OFFICIALS ON AWACS BY BRIGADIER
GENERAL PIOTROWSKI MARCH 3 WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED. ALTHOUGH
LENGTHENED SOMEWHAT BY NECESSITY OF FULL TRANSLATION,
BRIEFING AND PARTICULARLY VISUAL AIDS WERE WELL-PRESENTED
AND HAD POSITIVE IMPACT ON AUDIENCE WHICH INCLUDED SENIOR
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TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS) OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHIEFS OF
JOINT STAFFS (J-2, J-3, J-4, J-5 AND J-6), SENIOR SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVES, AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HOST FOR
BRIEFING, TGS J-3 LT. GENERAL SAGLAM, WARMLY COMPLIMENTED
BG PIOTROWSKI AT CONCLUSION OF BRIEFING AND REAFFIRMED
STRONG TURKISH INTEREST IN AWACS SYSTEM.

2. QUESTION PERIOD REVEALED A NUMBER OF UNCERTAINTIES AMONG TURKISH AUDIENCE REGARDING PROJECTED OPERATION OF AWACS SYSTEM. BG PIOTROWSKI EXPLAINED, IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS TIME PERMITTED, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AWACS SYSTEM NOW DEPLOYED BY U.S. AND PROJECTED NATO AWACS SYSTEM. TGS J-4 LT. GENERAL SOYDAN QUESTIONED UTILITY OF VIDEO DOWNTOLL TO SENIOR MILITARY DECISION-MAKERS AND COMBAT COMMANDERS ON GROUND; HE FELT VISUAL PORTRAYAL OF AWACS DATA WOULD NOT BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING AND DIRECTING AIR AND GROUND COMBAT. GENERAL SOYDAN ALSO SEEMED CONCERNED THAT A SYSTEM AS COMPLEX AS AWACS COULD NOT BE FULLY MAINTAINED AT A FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION SUCH AS TURKEY.

3. IN VIEW OF SUCCESS OF ANKARA AWACS BRIEFING, WE RECOMMEND THAT FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM BE INITIATED TO EDUCATE SENIOR HOST COUNTRY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS FURTHER. SPECIFICALLY, WE SUGGEST THAT (A) ADDITIONAL DOWNTOLL DEMONSTRATIONS, SUCH AS ARRANGED IN THE FRG LAST YEAR, BE HELD IN OTHER COUNTRIES, POSSIBLY INCLUDING TURKEY; AND B) VISITS BY SENIOR TURKISH MILITARY OFFICIALS TO THE U.S. INCLUDE A STOP AT TINKER AFB OR OTHER INSTALLATION TO WITNESS ACTUAL AWACS OPERATIONS.
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